

## News and Citizen

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Sad indeed, is the case of the suicide of a worthy young lady at Proctor last week who no doubt took her life during an aberration of mind brought on by ill-health. But there is a ray of comfort in the disposal of what was at first feared might have been foul play, or something of that nature.

The great state of New York has repealed the primary law, so far as it relates to state and municipal offices and will go back to the clearing house custom of nominating officers in convention. There was a try to do this at Vermont's recent legislative session, but it failed. Some day it may come to pass.

President Harding is sure "a good mixer." He belongs to several, secret societies, but thinks the order of Elks just about right, judging from a speech made at a memorial service of the Elks in Washington Sunday. Members of that order no doubt feel proud of membership of a brother of his standing.

H. C. Carpenter, Rutland's genial and worthy ex-Mayor, has given his city 200 acres of woodland. It has recently been cut over, but it is growing up to small timber and brush. It will not be many years, however, before it will be a thrifty second-growth piece and worth very much to the city. It is such a gift as the people of that municipality will, in after years, rise up and call the donor blessed.

"Clean-up week" was observed quite generally throughout the state and as a result many of our villages and cities are all the better for this spring fever. There are no doubt other places that have not yet become afflicted with the fever but it is time enough yet to take the medicine and get in proper condition for the summer months. It is a great renovator and makes the community not only healthy, but attractive for the summer tourists.

Judging from the "desertion" notices published these days in the Barton Monitor that section of country is not very congenial to marital happiness. We observe that in most of the cases posted it is the woman that has deserted. Can it be that the man is too strenuous in his demands on the wife's duties, or is it that the wife is too much given to frivolity? How is it, Brer. Gilpin? Orleans county is one of the best in the state otherwise, but in this direction it looks as if something had gone wrong regarding matrimonial felicity.

## A Move in the Right Direction

The Vermont Teachers' Club is deeply interested in the best of the rural schools and with that in view has appointed a special committee of which Mrs. Mary Buckham of the Lamoille Central Academy at Hyde Park, is a member. The idea is to standardize the rural schools and bring buildings and grounds, equipments, teachers, pupils and communities into closer touch with each other, and to bring about standard requirements with recognition from the state board of education when such standards are met. In speaking of this the Barton Monitor well says:—"Anything that will bring the parents and people of out communities to the school, that will bring about closer touch between teacher, pupil and parent and emphasize the needs in the way of buildings, grounds and equipment is destined to do something worth while for rural schools."

## A Fine Octogenarian

There are not many men of the age of Hon. I. L. Pearl of Johnson, who is 88 years old, that are as active and alert as he is. Although retired from active business, he is about daily, takes an interest in the affairs of his town and village, and once a month, often if called, visits the National bank at Hyde Park, of which he is a director. A long-time member of the Masonic fraternity he is active as chaplain of his home lodge and takes great pleasure in inducting new members into the order. Abstemious in the use of food, but not a fanatic in that direction, his bodily health is good and he looks more like a man of 70 than one of 88. After long years of active business life, the judge is now enjoying life and bids fair to do so for many more years. In him is a striking example of the results of correct living and a moral life.

## The Right Way—Good Mixer

(Waterbury, Conn., American)

Speaking of President Harding's visit to the Senate, Correspondent David Lawrence makes this comparison with similar visits of President Wilson, "The former," he says, "was wont to enter the legislative chamber on solemn dignity and depart as abruptly as he came. Mr. Harding views his visits to the Capitol as an opportunity to mingle with colleagues in the cloak rooms and drink in the atmosphere of fellowship which is characteristic of the membership of both the Senate and House irrespective of parties. The new President can tell members of Congress by their first names and hardly feel that he is doing something artificial to carry favor. Warren Harding's visit to the Capitol will be a simple return to the congressional fold of one who spent six years alongside the same individuals whose co-operation he now seeks."

## HYDE PARK

Mrs. Gonyer and son Robert have returned here from Boston.

Mrs. Lemira Manchester of Brandon was a visitor at the Inn a few days last week.

R. S. Page and R. W. Hulburd transacted business in Swanton and St. Albans Friday.

Miss Cora Fairbanks and Arthur Mercer were home from the U. V. M. a few days recently.

Martin Ovitt has been off duty from the hide house several days, owing to blood poisoning in his right hand.

Roy Pease still indulges in fishing sport, notwithstanding his recent adventure with a toro. Last Saturday he pulled a fine steel-head out of the river.

Mr. and Mrs. P. T. DeNio were at their cottage at Lake Eden last Saturday. Several trees were set out and other improvements made upon the property.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. Harry Noyes, to work on the basket quilt, that they are making. Every one come and bring a plain white block the size of a basket.

## Road Improvement

Extensive repairs are being made upon Bridge street hill. No road in Lamoille county has been "cussed" more—and perhaps deserved it more—than this one. A good job of permanent work is being done under the direction of that expert road builder, Bert Grimes.

Speaking of roads, do you know that Hyde Park's six miles of highway compare very favorably with those of any other town? We have a very efficient Highway Commissioner in Morris' Gates and he is giving the town excellent service.

## "All's Well That Ends Well"

One of the greatest "exciting events" that has ever taken place in the village of Hyde Park, came off Tuesday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 4 p. m. It was all caused by a man who went fishing and did not turn up at dinner time.

The leading character in this "comedy" was E. J. Noyes, better known as "Ned." It appears that in the early morn "Ned" took his fishing tackle and said he was going down to the river to fish.

All went well, so far. But at noon things took on a different aspect. "Ned" did not show up for dinner and along after one o'clock somebody saw a boat drifting down stream with nobody in it. That was cause for alarm. "Ned" hadn't come back and that was his boat. Alarm was given and everybody, almost everybody, about the village fled to the river and search was made for the missing man. Boats were secured and grappling irons resorted to by several and the stream dragged for a long distance. Search was also made along the river bank, but no trace of "Ned" could be found. Still the search was kept up and finally a lone fisherman was espied leisurely walking up the track. Close scrutiny revealed that it was the lost man, who was given a cordial welcome and explained "where he was at."

It seems that he went down to the river and took his boat and when near "the old swimmin' hole" went across and pulled the boat up on the rocks, thinking it would be safe there. But, alas, the wind was blowing some and it did not take long for the craft to break away from its mooring and start off without a pilot. "Ned" gave attention to fishing awhile, but when he went after the craft it was gone. He didn't see how he was going to get back onto the home land, so he yelled loudly for help, but the boisterous waves and wind drowned his calls and so he, rather than get a wetting, fished on down stream part way and then took steps for the nearest bridge, which was down at Johnson village. Thither he went and crossing the bridge there he started homeward and had reached the Finnegan farm when he was "discovered." His recovery was hailed with delight by everybody, as "Ned" is everybody's friend and everybody is his friend. And this is the end of a very thrilling and interesting event, and what was feared at first might be a real tragedy. Ned thinks it was "much ado about nothing."

## "Our Boys" a Fine Play

Perhaps the finest school play ever given here (and there have been several good ones) was that entitled "Our Boys," given by the L. C. A. senior class at the Opera House last Friday evening to an audience that taxed the full capacity of the house. It was a play resplendent with pathos and mirth and showed in all the parts careful and thorough training. It was an English 3-act play, in which love predominated and which, in spite of many hindrances, finally triumphed. The play manifested great interest and held close attention throughout.

The cast was made up as follows: Sir Geoffrey Champneys, a country magnate, Ralph Terrill; Talbot Champneys, his son, Leo Griswold; Perkyn Middlewick, a retired butlerman, Wallace Black; Charles Middlewick, his son, Murray Noble; Violet Melrose, an heiress, Miss Selma Strong; Mary Melrose, her poor cousin, Miss Evelyn Miller; Clarissa Champneys, Sir Geoffrey's sister, Miss Mary Mercer; Belinda, a London lodging-house "slav," Miss Gertrude Lilley; Miss Kempster, servant to Sir Geoffrey, Miss Angela Matthews; Miss Poddles, servant to Middlewick, Miss Madge Jones.

Too much credit cannot be given Rev.

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Mr. Mercer, who staged the play and who was untiring in his efforts to make the affair the success it was.

Specialties, under the direction of Miss Hooker, were Japanese Sandman, Song and Dance and The Old-Fashioned Waltz. were given by the Misses Thelma Hebb, Ruth Young, Elizabeth Noyes, Isadore Hood, Agnes Trudeau and Mildred Whitcomb. They were finely rendered and elicited hearty applause.

A well-attended dance at the Inn concluded the evening's festivities.

## NORTH HYDE PARK

Miss Mildred Foss is at home.

Miss Arlie Bartlett was home from Morrisville over Sunday.

Miss Helen Page is recovering nicely from bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. A. Bacon has been called to Canada by the death of a sister.

Miss Mildred Whitcomb visited Mrs. F. L. Kneeland over Sunday.

Charles Hadley was home a couple of days from the Mines recently.

Nelson Styles and wife of Morrisville were visitors here the first of the week.

Ed. Rushford and son of Montpelier were business visitors in the place recently.

E. C. Sherlaw and wife have been in Newport for a week's visit among relatives.

A. J. Bartlett, wife and daughter Arlie were visitors Sunday in Mansonsville, P.Q.

Cleo Foss and wife of Burlington were guests of the former's mother over the week-end.

Mrs. Ann Peck of Waterbury is stopping with Mrs. H. E. Beardsley for a short time.

Wayne, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gillen, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Miss Ilva Griswold of Hyde Park visited her friend, Mrs. Shirley Ovitt, several days recently.

L. B. Bailey and Mrs. I. L. Bailey of Enosburg Falls visited friends here one day the past week.

Mrs. Orman Adams has returned from Morrisville, where she has been nursing the past three weeks.

Mr. Wilkins has moved to Ober Hill. Herbert Robinson is moving into the tenement vacated by him.

Arthur Smith, wife and daughter Lou-raine of Cambridge, visited at the home of L. P. Butts Sunday.

The many friends of Mrs. Rhoda Brown are pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent serious illness.

Merritt Earle, who has been suffering from sciatic rheumatism for several weeks, is confined to the house again.

Mark Towle and wife from Cambridge have been recent guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Flanders.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kneeland and Mrs. C. H. Kneeland were visitors at E. Kneeland's in Cambridge the first of the week.

Elizabeth Corey and Marion Lambert have returned to Johnson after a week's observation and practice work in the village school.

Will Welch and wife, Delbert Welch and wife of Elmore, and Edwin Culver and wife of Richford, were visitors Sunday at C. H. Souther's.

The Mite Society will serve supper on Thursday night. Mrs. Eula Kneeland and Mrs. Neale Newton the committee. Members please come early.

Guests the first of the week at H. E. Beardsley's were Amos Stearns and wife of Cambridge, Will Warren and wife of Morrisville and Julian Montague and wife of Enosburg Falls.

Mrs. Gladys McGinnis visited her husband in Lowell a few days the past week.

Guests over the week-end at the home of C. L. Foss were Mr. and Mrs. John Emery and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Emery of Montpelier, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaPlant and daughter of Montgomery and Francis Fleming of Burlington.

The meeting held last Thursday evening at the Grange Hall was well attended. Miss Lydia Potter gave an illustrated talk on Home Demonstration work. To be able to organize a Home Demonstration Club in the county 300 members must be enrolled. Systematic work and modern ideas are features of the Club and appeal to the housewife as a means for helpfulness and efficiency. Mr. Rasmussen gave an interesting address, with the help of charts, along farm management. These two subjects, the Farm and Home, are vital to each other. Let's get interested!

## Gihon Grange

On Wednesday evening, May 18th, the Grange will present a program to the public, as follows:—

Selection, Grange Orchestra; Butterfly Drill, Ladies; Cornet Solo, Geo. McAllister; Mme. Pæston's Beauty Parlor, Men; Song, "Mother of Mine," Stella Flanders and Nettie Pratt; Song, "Daddy," Louise Westover and Ethel Flanders; Selection, Orchestra; Drill, "People We Greet You," Men; Drill, "Down on the Farm," Ladies; Recitation, Alice Trudeau; Indian Waltz, George McAllister and James Parkhurst; Minuet, Nine Ladies; Piano Solo, Louie Gray; Song, Ladies; Cake Walk, Men; Eph'm Jones, Two Darksies; Song, "Its Time to Tell You All Good Bye," All who have part in Program; Selection, Orchestra.

After the program there will be an auction sale of boxes. All ladies are requested to bring boxes. Following this there will be a prom. All invited to come and bring their friends. Admission 15c and 25c. Don't miss it.

The program given by the ladies May 7th was a great success and enjoyed by all. The judges were put to their wits ends to decide which side should have the victory. Finally the beautiful gowns (which the Grange ladies made), and the Cake Walk won their hearts and the prize went to the fair contestants.

## McKinstry Hill

Rex Stewart was a visitor in Morrisville recently.

Hobart Manning and wife of Johnson were visitors at Geo. Stewart's Saturday and Sunday.

Two telephones were installed the past week at J. W. Thompson's and at Mr. Standliff's, who recently purchased the Clarence Holbrook farm.

Arthur Jones and wife and Frank Chipman went to Northfield Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. Chipman's sister. They returned Friday.

## Riverside

Mrs. Geo. Wadleigh is gaining slowly. Arthur Jones and family were callers at A. J. Mills' Sunday.

Mrs. Herman Trumble has returned to her home in New York.

Mrs. Annie Howard of Johnson spent the week-end at Joel Whitcomb's.

Mrs. Catherine Dow returned to her home in Seabrook, N. H., Friday.

Several from Riverside attended the Senior play at the street Friday evening.

Alice Trudeau from the street taught the school the past week for Gladys McGinnis.

Mr. Sautus and family and Mr. Bnsby and family of Burlington were visitors recently at Frank Zeno's.

Henry Patnode and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Patnode's mother, Mrs. Alma Jewett at Hyde Park Center.

## FELCHERVILLE

Uncle Eli and aunt Nett Sherwin passed Sunday at the Elms.

Mrs. Abner and Ray Bessey took a business trip to Morrisville last Saturday.

Mr. Tedford had his friend, Mr. Quinn of French Hill, over to see him Sunday.

Joel Whitcomb is very sick, gravel the cause. All sorry and this time of year, too.

All of our young folks went to the school play and not a thing but praise do you hear.

Some weather, but rain is sadly needed. Everything is at a standstill in the crop line.

There is a nice little home in Felcherville for sale, the home uncle Lucius Boyce clung to till the last few weeks.

Gardner Lucas played Friday night for a dance at the farm once owned by Albert Whitcomb. A good crowd and good time.

Those that spent Sunday at the Whitcomb home were Albert Godette, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brough and daughter, Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright will leave up this way and go to the village to live. The neighbors hate to have them go, and the boys at the plant do sure.

All the teams that can be spared from the farms are going to work on the roads at the village. Bert Grimes, one of the head men, is hiring the boys.

The old Gihon gave up four speckled beauties the past week that weighed, after being dressed by the good wife, 4 lbs. Not bad, Oscar Whitcomb and son caught them.

Mrs. R. E. Taylor returned Saturday from the Mary Fletcher hospital where she had been for treatment. All are glad she is better. Her sister from Boston came Friday night and will stay with her for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hooper with others gave a part of a day to fixing up the Hooper resting place for those that have gone the lone journey. How nice to see the resting places of our loved ones kept nice and well fenced.

Did the cars go through Felcherville Sunday and driving well, it is wonderful there has been no bad accident so far. I should think if you went 20 miles an hour you would enjoy it more than 80. Just a puff of dust and gone.

Mr. Tedford and Gardner Lucas took a trip over French hill and round by Tindle hill home Saturday. They were looking for calves and shoats to put on the old Lucas farm. They say the roads are worse than the back roads in Hyde Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Wodley's daughter from New Hampshire has been home to care for them through a bad time with the grip. She returned to her home Friday. Mrs. Wodley is to be pitied. She has lost her eyesight and they say there is no help at the hospital.

Mrs. Lucius Noyes has worked in the different towns throughout the county helping to get the people interested in the Home Demonstration Club. It sure would be a great help for the people and where this county has only asked \$1.00 to join, other counties have to pay \$3.00 to \$10.00.

A few that called at the plastered house: George Mower and daughter, Mrs. Geo. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rushford of Eden; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Small and grandsons; L. Bliss, wife and son of Morrisville; Miss Douglass, Alice Trudeau, Mr. and Mrs. Elkhart of Corinth, formerly of Brockton, Mass. She was a schoolmate of Master James' father.

Last Wednesday night a little excitement was caused by Will Boyce's horses getting frightened and when near Giroux they started for home. A boy was driving the pair and Will was ahead with a one horse lumber wagon, both lightly loaded. As the pair tried to make the turn for home they locked wheels with the head wagon, taking off a wheel and mixing up things some. What frightened them was Miss Trudeau riding her horse. They likely forgot they were not out on the plains and free to take a run. It might have been worse, but better not trust horses to a boy.

Ben Gates, the state's scrutinizer of accounts, took a respite from the arduous duties last week and went up into Essex county on a fishing trip, bringing home some fine trout, among them a 11-lb. salmon. There was no pause in office affairs during his absence, not a comma missing.



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# LATEST NEWS IN ABRIDGED FORM

Events That Concern the Two Hemispheres Recorded So as to Be Read at a Glance.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS EPITOMIZED

Paragraphs Which Picture Executive and Legislative Activities at the National and State Capitals.

## WASHINGTON

While the banking situation has improved, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon indicated that as yet he saw little signs of an improvement in general business activity.

American soldiers up to and including sergeants who have married Europeans in the Rhineland were ordered home.

Hearings in the investigation of the appointment of David H. Blair of North Carolina as commissioner of internal revenue began.

By a vote of 294 to 40 the house passed the bill authorizing farmers to form associations for collective marketing, immune from prosecutions under Sherman anti-trust law.

Senate passed the immigration bill fixing admission of aliens to 3 per cent of each nationality resident in the United States in 1910.

President Harding is opposed to any stipulation regarding a disarmament conference being carried in the naval appropriation bill.

In a note sent by Secretary of State Hughes to U. S. Commissioner Loring Dresel in Berlin it was made clear to the German government that Germany must deal directly with the Allies and that more definite proposals should be promptly made.

## NATION'S BUSINESS

Reduction in rediscount rates of all Federal Reserve banks following the lead of the New York and Boston banks is expected by the Federal Reserve Board and the treasury.

Executive council of the American Bankers' Association, in session at Philadelphia, N. C., urged nation wide war against bank robbers.

Representatives of growers in Los Angeles declared cantaloupe crop of the Imperial Valley, California, will not reach eastern markets unless freight rates of a year ago are restored.

A veritable flood of gold is sweeping upon the United States. Already the precious metal in the country has attained the unprecedented amount of \$3,001,487,915.

The National Association of Credit Men made public a summary of a country-wide survey of business conditions, in which it was asserted that industry had not revived this spring, as predicted, and unemployment is still increasing.

For the first time in six years cheese was bought in northern New York markets for 14 cents a pound.

John McPartland, president of the International Typographical Union, predicted that the nation wide printers' strike will end soon with concessions from employers.

Department of Labor figures show automobile industry employed 32.2 per cent more in the month of March than in February.

## GENERAL

Senator Poinexter reported the navy bill to the senate without the disarmament provision.

Although Robert P. Brindell is in Sing Sing prison, the rules of the Brindell farm organization to gouge home builders of New York city are still in existence, it was disclosed before the Lockwood legislative committee.

There will be no attempt at a general strike in the steel industry when the announced reductions in wages are put into effect May 16, according to one of the union leaders who directed the 1919 strike.

Request for an extraordinary term of the Supreme Court in New York county to handle liquor violation cases was presented to Governor Miller, who said he was prepared to act if evidence is given in formal manner by the district attorney showing the need for such an order.

The allied governments' invitation to the United States to participate as a member of the allied supreme council, the Reparations Commission and the Allied Council of Ambassadors was delivered to Secretary Hughes by Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador.

William Steuart, assistant director of the census, was nominated to be director.

Income and excess profits taxes collected by the government during March fell off by more than \$139,000,000 as compared with March of last year, according to reports issued in Washington by the Internal Revenue Bureau.

The United States Steel Corporation announced a reduction of approximately 20 per cent in wages in its plants, effective May 16. This is for day labor. Other rates, including salaries, also are to undergo readjustment.